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Kentucky Registry of Election Finance  
Rosemary Center  
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140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Rosemary,

In the event a church takes up a collection for a Political Issues Committee, what are the rules that should be followed to remain in compliance with election laws?

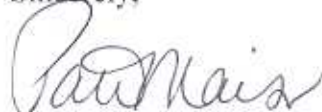
Historically, as with the wet/dry votes around the state, churches have been allowed to take up special collections and write a single check to those PICs. We understand that this check would represent a donation to the PIC from the church itself, and bind the church to other IRS rules that govern their status as a charitable organization, not overseen by the KREF.

Also, can a church take up a collection that is given to another 501C4 organization to be donated to a PIC? If the checks collected are written, not to the church, but the 501C4 organization, would the same rules apply to the collection given to the 501C4 if the collection is specified to go toward a PIC?

Please give us an advisory opinion on these special collections.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Patti Naiser